Development Programme (IRDP). Scheme for Urban Micro Enterprises under Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) which are being implemented in various States and Union Territories and in the States of North-Eastern region also. In addition, Governments of some of the States in the North-Eastern region are also implementing their own special employment schemes such as 'Soft Loan Scheme for educated unemployed' in Manipur, Speical Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Misguided youth in Assam and the 'special employment programme' to provide facilities for self-employment to educated unemployed in Nagaland.

Amount of cess from Beedi Factories of Maharashtra

2089. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of cess collected from the beedi factories of Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) the amount spent on the welfare of beedi workers during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Details of Collection of Cess on beedis and expenditure incurred on welfare of Beedi Workers in Maharashtra, during last three years?

Year	Cess Collection	Expenditure
	(Rs. in thousands)	
1991-92	9173	8270
1992-93	9454	9344
1993-94	9238	13741

Identity Cards to Beedi Workers

2090. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether identity cards have been issued to beedi workers all over the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Labour Ministry has given an undertaking to this effect; and

(c) status of issue of identity cards to beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) It is reported that out of an estimated 42.60 lakh beedi workers, 27.61 lakhs have been issued Identity Cards so far.

(b) Identification of beedi workers is an ongoing process. The State Governments have been requested to take up special drives for identification of beedi workers. The Welfare Commissioners have been given montly targets for issue of identity cards by the Medical Officers in the areas covered by the Beedi Workers dispensaries.

(c) Out of an estimated 6.25 lakh beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh, 4.54 lakhs beedi workers have been issued Identity Cards.

Special Funds Scheme for Beedi Workers

2091. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing any special funding schemes exclusively for beedi and tobacco workers becoming surplus due to wide ranging restrictions;

(b) whether NGO's and trade unions will be given funds for retraining surplus beedi workers; and

(c) details of this scheme in 1995-96 to be implemented in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) The Beedi